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1. DURING CROSS-EXAMINATION OF BURKE IN REF CASE, DEFENSE ESTABLISHED BURKE POSSESSED & REMOVED EVIDENCE FROM INDIA ON AUTHORITY CENTRAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (CBI) AND NOT COURT. DEFENSE THEREFORE TENDERED PREPARED MOTION THAT COURT ARREST BURKE AND CHARGE HIM WITH OTHER DEFENDENTS. DEFENSE CITED CBI INDICTEMENT WHICH LIST BURKE AS CO-CONSPIRATOR. DEFENSE OFFERED WITHDRAW MOTION OF CBI OFFICER PRESENT IN COURT WOULD STATE BURKE HAD RECEIVED AUTHORITY FROM CBI. CBI OFFICER REFUSED PROVIDE STATEMENT. BURKE OBSERVED SECOND MOTION IN POSSESSION OF DEFENSE COUNSEL WHICH REQUESTS BURKE'S ARREST ON BASIS HE LACKED PROPER AUTHORITY CARRY FIREARM AT TIME OF ARREST (AUTHORITY WAS CBI). THIS MOTION OBVIOUSLY BACKUP IN CASE FIRST FAILS.

2. MOSTIONS SEEN BY PROSECUTOR AND CBI AS DELAYING TACTICS, HOWEVER, DEA & EMBASSY CONCLUDES IT IS UNWISE FOR BURKE TO REMAIN IN INDIA IN CASE MAGISTRATE SHOULD RULE IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FAVOR OF DEFENSE MOTION, FOR EITHER LEGAL OR POLITICAL

## REASONS.

3. UNLESS DEA HQS ADVISES TO THE CONTRARY, BURKE WILL DEPART DELHI JAN 14. SAIC KELLY FORSEES NO HARMFUL FALLOUT FROMCBI. BURKE WILL CHECK WITH BERUIT DO FOR ANY FURTHER INSTUCTION. SCHNEIDER

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